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GROSSLY INADEQUATE.

Says Fish and Game Commission of T Wharf Facilities.

Says Fishing Industry Is in Rather Unsatisfactory State.

In regard to the question of the combination of the various fishing industries of Boston and Massachusetts in a "fisheries trust," about which much was published a few months ago, the Massachusetts fish and game commission, in its annual report, has the following to say:

"All sorts of rumors concerning a proposed fisheries trust have been current during the autumn months. A similar project failed a few years ago. There can be little question that the fishing industry is today in a rather unsatisfactory condition—unsatisfactory to the public, on account of high prices and often unsanitary methods of handling the fish between the water and the consumer; unsatisfactory to the fishermen, because all species of fish which come to hook cannot be profitably disposed of in the market; unsatisfactory to the owners of vessels, because vessel property is frequently not a paying investment, as compared with other properties, in these days of prosperity on land; unsatisfactory to the wholesalers, for the reason that expenses multiply.

"Even the most casual observer of conditions at T wharf could not fail to notice that the facilities for handling fresh fish are grossly inadequate for rapid, economical and even sanitary handling of the enormous quantities which may come to market. That the work is as well done as it is today speaks volumes for the ability, knowledge and energy of the wholesalers at T wharf. A heavy catch at the present day causes low prices only on account of lack of proper facilities for distributing the product. A combination might secure better organization whereby better prices could be paid to the fishermen, with better goods at lower prices to the consumers and greater profits to the dealer.

"There should follow a more scientific handling of the catch, and thus a more careful husbanding of nature's bounty, particularly through the more even distribution of the demands upon certain species of food fishes. It is suicidal to relentlessly pursue certain species, such as the mackerel, both as young and as mature fish, and at the same time neglect to assist the mackerel by reducing by every known device the enemies (dogfish and other sharks) which specially prey upon schools of fish, as well as causing great damage to the gear of the fishermen.

"Increased attention should be given also to the relative economic values of fish. Too frequently we commit the biologic blunder of using the wrong fish for fertilizer, thus destroying fish which naturally serve as food for more valuable species, and neglecting the predatory species, which prey upon those fish which bring the best prices in the markets."

"Have you heard from the Bay of Fundy lately?"

Sch. Romance has her seine badly torn. The fares of schs. Colonial and Lizzie M. Stanley were sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company at the same rate as other previous sales of yesterday, which figures out about \$13.47 per barrel.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Gov. Russell, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Romance, Georges, 88 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Hortense, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, via Boston, 290 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Georges, 50,000 lbs. fresh cusk, 6000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, Rips, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. James A. Garfield, Rips, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Georges, 240 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Pinta, Georges, 170 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Slade Gorton, Georges, 150 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Niagara, Georges, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. halibut.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. or gray.
Market price large western cod to split, \$2.75 per cwt., medium do., \$1.75.
Large eastern cod, \$2.50, medium do., \$1.75.
Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.75 per cwt., medium do., \$1.75.
Market price, salt bank cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.
Market price salt Rips cod, \$4.37 1-2 cwt. for large, \$3.37 1-2 medium, \$2.50 for snappers and \$2 for haddock and \$1.50 for pollock.
Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.
Market price fresh hake, \$1.30 per cwt.
Large fresh mackerel, 8 1-2 cts. each.
Fresh medium mackerel 5 cts. each.
Market price fresh cusk, \$1.75 per cwt.
Cox's ledge dory handline salt cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.75 for mediums.
Dressed fresh pollock, 80 cts. per cwt.
Cape North fresh codfish, \$2.50 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for medium.
Fresh whiting, 50c per bbl.
Salt Cape North cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.
Shore salt mackerel, \$11.47 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Ramona, 28,000 cod.
Sch. Fish Hawk, 38,000 cod.
Sch. Arbitrator, 13,000 haddock, 37,000 cod.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 114 swordfish.
Sch. Emily Sears, 98 swordfish.
Sch. Buena, 10,000 haddock, 48,000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Fanny Reed, 55 swordfish.
Sch. Steamer Spray, 22,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 5000 haddock, 43,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Lear C., 49 swordfish.
Sch. Priscilla, 98 swordfish.
Sch. Hockomock, 85 swordfish.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1500 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. On Time, 20 swordfish.
Sch. Yankee, 87 swordfish.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 10,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Sch. Genesta, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Quonnapowitt, 16,000 haddock, 28,000 cod.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.50; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.40; pollock, 65 cts.; swordfish, 4 to 4 1-2 cts. per lb.

FISH FIGURES.

Statistics of Industry of Marblehead and Nahant.

According to the annual report of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Commission, Marblehead had 35 lobster fishermen last year with 37 boats of a value of \$2714; 1523 traps valued at \$1731.25, and the catch of lobsters of 51,664, valued at \$12,518.54. Of the number caught 658 were egg bearing lobsters. Nahant had seven fishermen, with 10 boats, valued at \$750; 415 traps valued at \$530, and the catch of lobsters was 9217, valued at \$9217. Of the total catch 117 only were egg bearing lobsters.

Nahant fishermen caught 81,620 mackerel, 300 bluefish, 734,250 sea herring and the total value of the catch for the season was \$11,585.90, with an investment of about \$6000 in equipment. The total value of the lobster catch in Massachusetts waters last year was \$96,014.17, while the number of men engaged was 335; of boats 489, valued at \$50,447; of pots 17,952, valued at \$22,920.

Winter Codfishing in the Pacific.

An experiment to be tried by cod fishers in Behring Sea is attracting widespread attention. Plans are perfected and preparations are under way for the establishment of a cod-fishing station at Bristol Bay, Alaska, for a Seattle fishing company. This company proposes to try experiments with winter fishing in Behring Sea. Bristol Bay, the site of the new station, is located directly north of the Alaskan peninsula in the Behring sea.

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JIBED JUST IN TIME.

Big Steamer Just Grazed Sch. Veda McKown on Georges.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman Ross, had the closest kind of a shave a few nights ago, and nothing but the quickest kind of work with the wheel prevented another ocean horror.

The schooner was coming this way from the seining ground and was about off the Pollock Rip lightship, just before daylight, when a steamer was heard approaching in the fog. A sharp lookout was kept and all hands called to be ready for any emergency.

Soon the prow of a big black steamer shot out of the fog bearing right down for the vessel which was running before the wind. She evidently did not see the vessel, and to hold on meant to be cut down with all the attendant horrors of collision.

Capt. Ross decided quickly to take no chances and waste no time, so he gave the wheel a quick wind, jibing the craft over and letting her come to, just as the steamer rushed by but a few feet from her main boom.

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Lunenburg Bankers Doing Well.

A large number of fishing schooners have returned to Lunenburg, N. S., within the past several days. The catchers of cod and number of vessels and firms follow: W. C. Smith Co., 8 vessels, 5,225 qtls.; Adams & Nickle, 4 vessels, 3,350 qtls.; Atlantic Fish Companies, 3 vessels, 2,600 qtls.; Zwicker & Co., 4 vessels, 2,800 qtls. Other vessels which have returned number four with 1,556 qtls.

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WITH SALT MACKEREL.

Five Vessels Arrive from Georges Bank Today.

Captains Report Not Many Salt Mackerel Afloat.

Five of the seining fleet arrived from Georges this morning. They have no fresh fish, but fair catches of salt mackerel. Sch. Marguerite Haskins has 240 barrels, sch. Slade Gorton 150 barrels, sch. Pinta 170 barrels, sch. Colonial 218 barrels and sch. Romance 88 barrels.

They report few fish being taken of late and feel that the fleet has not as much salt mackerel on board as it has been credited with. Sch. Annie Greenlaw, with a few over 200 barrels, they say, has the most of any vessel out there. A few others have somewhere handy to 200 barrels, but the great majority of the vessels have less than 100 barrels, a few being around the 150 barrel mark.

One or two of the vessels have taken a cruise over to the southeast part of Georges, but found nothing there yet.

One or two of the vessels have also gone off from the fleet and not returned, and shrewd guessers place them down around the Larcher lightship, looking for the Bay of Fundy schools. It is a fact that eight out of ten seining skippers believe there will be fish in the Bay of Fundy this season and their first question one coming ashore is,

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FOG AND STEAMERS MENACE FLEET.

Sch. Arthur James Struck on Georges and Considerably Damaged.

OCEAN LINER CRASHES THROUGH SEINE- BOAT OF STEAMER QUARTEITE.

Nothing but Quick Jibe Saved Sch. Veda M. McKown Being Sunk at Night by Unknown Steamer.

This morning's arrivals from sea bring more stories of the grave danger of the fog and steamer combination to our fishing vessels, for in the harbor today is one craft badly damaged by contact with a big liner, another with her seineboat cut in two a few feet from her stern, and another which only escaped being sent to bottom by one of these ocean monsters by a quick jibe. In all these cases the steamers were big ocean-going crafts and were ploughing along at a very rapid gait. In each case, also, it was foggy. While the damage to one craft is considerable, and one other lost her boat, still perhaps their crews should deem themselves fortunate it was no worse and congratulate themselves on escaping watery graves.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, which sailed from here only a few days ago, on a seining trip to Georges, returned this morning, having been run into by an ocean steamer and considerably damaged.

The accident happened at 4 o'clock yesterday morning on Georges, just after daybreak, the vessel, being 120 miles from Highland light.

It was quite foggy and there was a fresh breeze going, the vessel jogging under jumbo, foresail and mainsail. Part of the crew were at breakfast, when those on deck heard a steamer coming and shouted the alarm forward, clearing the forecastle.

When the steamer emerged from the fog she was headed directly for the cabin house of the James. She evidently sighted the seiner and swerved in an attempt to clear her but instead of sheering to go under the stern, she attempted to go by to port and cross the bow.

In trying to do this, she came up to the James with her big engines reversed, chafing along her side, her sharp prow striking the James on the bow between the pall post and knight heads.

Here several planks were crushed in and the prow of the steamer must have struck the head of a deck beam, for several of them were started and the waterways on the starboard side opened up an inch to down beyond the fore rigging.

The big steamer actually scraped along the whole side of the James and started three or four planks on the quarter. When she struck the schooner forward the shock

of the blow was so great as to swing the craft around instantly on the other tack.

The steamer was a tramp, the *Saxoline* of Newcastle, England, bound for Philadelphia. After the accident she stood by the James until the extent of the damage was ascertained. Her captain sent on board canvas and oakum and offered Capt. Devine a tow to Philadelphia.

An examination showed that the James was not leaking below the water line, and sail was made for home to repair. To make a thorough job would require fully two weeks, so Capt. Devine will have temporary repairs made and hustle out again Monday.

It is well that the blow was a glancing one. Had it been full and fair, the vessel's bow would have been cut off and she would have sunk.

On board the James, when the steamer struck her, about all the crew were aft, but the shock was so severe that several were thrown violently to the deck and one of them, James Surrence, was so badly hurt about the knee, that when Dr. Hallett was called to attend him this morning, he ordered his removal to the Addison Gilbert hospital.

erel a few days ago, and went to Georges, where the most of the fleet of big vessels are. She did not bring home a trip of fish, but Capt. Griffin and his crew feel that fish were for a time of secondary consideration, for they came near losing their lives, a big ocean steamer coming up to them in the fog, and not content with coming near enough to cut their seineboat in two, nearly swamped their craft with the heavy seas kicked up by her propellers.

It is the same story with the *Quartette* as with the other crafts which have been run down or had narrow escapes recently—dense bank of fog, steamer heard coming, all endeavors to attract her attention futile, then the crash and a big black hulk disappearing in the dim distance.

It happened Wednesday at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. The fog was very thick and it was quite rough. They heard the steamer and knew she was headed in their direction, but when she came in view out of the fog and only a few hundred feet away, they saw to their horror that she was bearing directly down on them.

All hands sprang to the stern of the craft and began to haul up the seineboat, knowing that this would be their only chance for life when the steamer hit them. They had got the boat up so her bow was touching the *Quartette's* stern when they looked up again and just in time to see a big black wall whiz by, the farther end of it striking the seineboat fair amidships, sinking it like an egg shell.

The steamer passed within 15 feet of the little craft's stern and kicked up a terrible sea, which broke over the *Quartette* and nearly swamped her.

After getting by a ways, the steamer, whose name was blurred and could not be made out, but which all hands took to be a Cunarder, nearly stopped and made a sort of half circle, and evidently being satisfied that the *Quartette* and those on her were all right, swung off again and continued on her way.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Arbitrator, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Jessie Costa, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ramona, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Edward A. Rich, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Quonnapowitt, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Winnifred, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Dorothy, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Buema, via Boston, 42,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Julia Costa, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, via Boston, 38,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Fish Hawk, via Boston, 38,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Arthur James, seining.
Sch. Annie Greenlaw, Georges, 206 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Gossip, Georges, 228 bbls. salt mackerel.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.75 per cwt., medium do., \$1.75.

Large eastern cod, \$2.50, medium do., \$1.75.

Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.75 per cwt., medium do., \$1.75.

Market price, salt bank cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.

Market price salt Rips cod, \$4.37 1-2 cwt. for large, \$3.37 1-2 medium, \$2.50 for snappers and \$2 for haddock and \$1.50 for pollock.

Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.

Market price fresh hake, \$1.30 per cwt.

Large fresh mackerel, 8 1-2 cts. each.

Fresh medium mackerel 5 cts. each.

Market price fresh cusk, \$1.75 per cwt.

Cox's ledge dory handline salt cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.75 for mediums.

Dressed fresh pollock, 80 cts. per cwt.

Cape North fresh codfish, \$2.50 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for medium.

Fresh whiting, 50c per bbl.

Salt Cape North cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.

Shore salt mackerel, \$14 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Two Sisters, 9 swordfish.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 300 hake.

Str. Doreas, 95 swordfish.

Sch. Mattakesett, 34,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Laura Reed, 62 swordfish.

Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; swordfish, 4 1-2 cts. per lb.

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WILL BE MODIFIED.

That Is Newfoundland's Idea of the Modus Vivendi.

The inquiry made in the British house of commons yesterday regarding arbitration of the Newfoundland fisheries dispute, and the refusal of Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey to give any information regarding the present status of the question has aroused new interest in the subject here, although the colonial ministers declare that they are unaware of any present Anglo-American negotiations.

It is understood here that Premier Bond of Newfoundland wants the arbitration plan, if adopted, to include the whole question of American fishery rights in colonial waters. This might possibly imply that Canada would become a party to the arbitration proceedings, because of the rights held by American fishermen in certain Canadian waters.

The belief is quite general here that some modification of the modus vivendi is likely to be arranged for the coming fishing season.